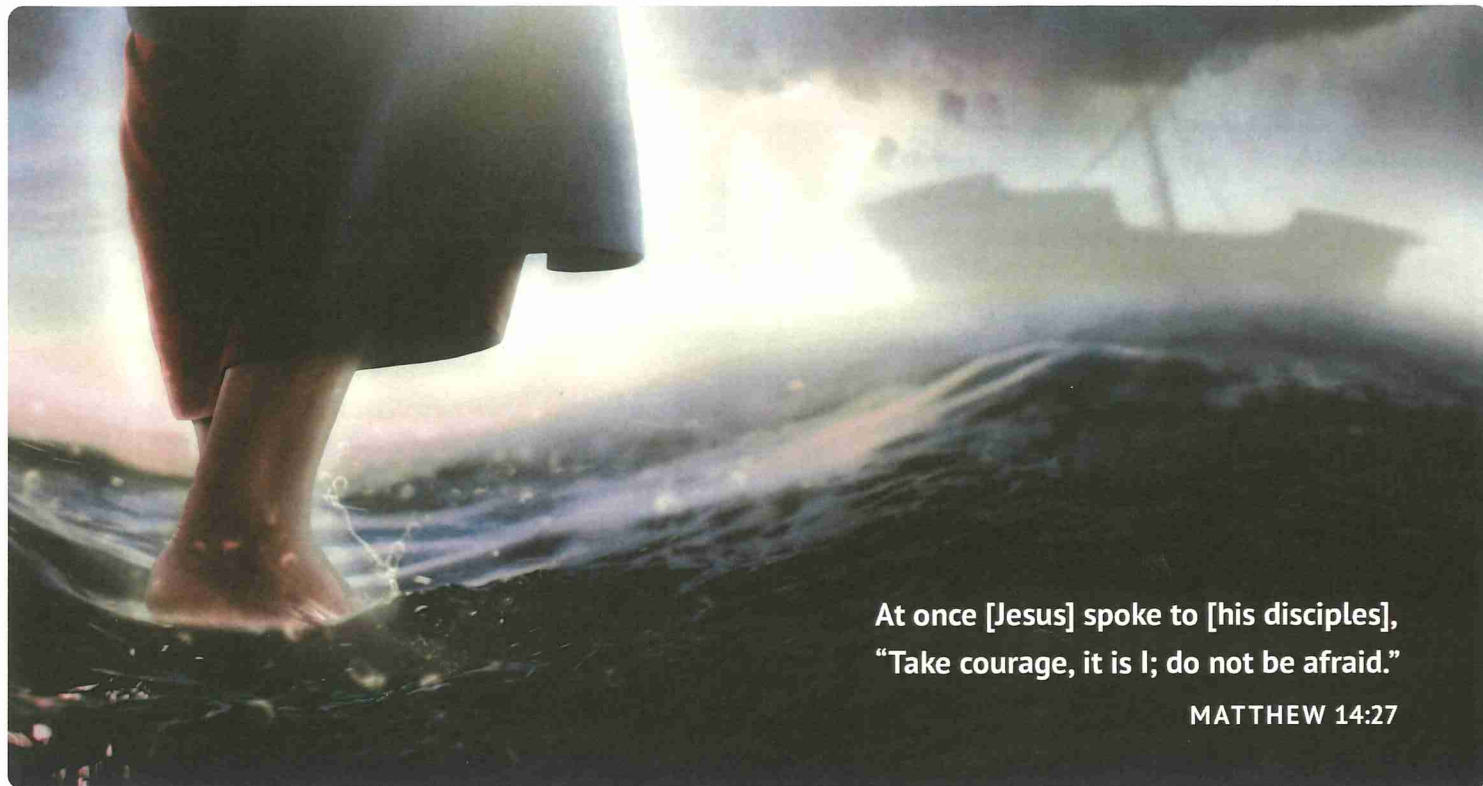




At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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THE AUTHORS
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Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?

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Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 18760 Rogers Road, Atchison KS 66002

Dec. 2022

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Sacraments

Reconciliation Saturday & Sunday 30 min before Mass, Wednesdays 6-7pm St. Joseph
Marriage Six-month notice required
18 months if annulments needed
Anointing Please let us know of any hospital admissions
Baptism For Baptismal dates call the office; one Baptismal Class required

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	Aug 8	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
†	Gwen Schrick Jacobs		
Sat.	Aug 8	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Jon Larson		
Sun.	Aug 9	8:00am	St. Joseph
†	Lindell Nolting		
Sun.	Aug 9	10:00am	St. Mary's
	Mass for the People		
Mon.	Aug 10	No Mass	
Tue.	Aug 11	No Mass	
Wed.	Aug 12	No Mass	
Thu.	Aug 13	No Mass	
Fri.	Aug 14	No Mass	
Sat.	Aug 15	5:00pm	Corpus Christi
	Mass for the People		
Sat.	Aug 15	7:00pm	St. Joseph
†	Mark Wilson		
Sun.	Aug 16	8:00am	St. Joseph
	Fr. William 20 th anniversary of ordination		
Sun.	Aug 16	10:00 am	St. Mary's
†	Jeremy Heinen		

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions

St. Joseph
Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Corpus Christi
3rd Saturday of month, 4-4:45pm
St. Mary's
3rd Sunday of month, 11am- 12pm

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday

Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Because it falls on a Saturday this year the obligation to attend Mass on the holy day is lifted.



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Father William's 20th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination

And Reception of Steve and Linda Trog into full communion with the Catholic Church

Sunday, August 16
St. Joseph Church
At the 8am Mass
Everyone is invited!

Father William's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination is Wednesday, August 12th. Steve and Linda Trog will be entering the Catholic Church on Sunday, August 16. We will be celebrating these milestones with a breakfast sponsored by the Altar Society and games sponsored by the Parish QPA team immediately following Mass. Free will donations will be accepted to support Father with the education of the children in Ghana or with his goal to purchase a mission truck to use when he returns to Ghana. About \$38,000 is still needed for the mission truck. We hope to see everyone there!



Next meeting: August 9@6pm. St. Joseph School. Growing in humility.

No daily Masses, Adoration or confessions August 10-14 while Father William is away on vacation. The parish office will be open regular hours and will check messages daily. If you are in need of sacramental assistance, please contact St. Benedict's Abbey at 913-367-7853.

Tri-Parish directories are finally in! Directories are in the back of all three churches for everyone who had their photo taken or submitted a photo for the directory. If you have joined one of the parishes in the past two years, please contact the parish office to get a copy.



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Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bob Heinen	Virginia Grollmes
Emma Dockweiler	Rosella Hollis
Janet Schmidt	Chris Heinen
Tim Hosler	Heidi Rutar
Phil Heuertz	Dolores Miller
Dorothy Herring	Tynen Darveaux Jr.
Kyle Perkis	Raley Miller

Also pray for those serving in the Military, those with health issues and those who have no one to pray for them.

August Appointments

Ushers: Nate Heinen, Eric Belveal, Thomas Welsh

Lay Ministers: Dianna Welsh, Larry Martin, Brandi Varner

Rosary: Matthew Hamon

August 16th

Lector: Mike Wagner

Music: Patty Bendure, Dawna Ross

Servers: Emma Welsh, Hank Allen

Gifts: Taylor Allen Family

Finance: Larry Martin, Jarett Wildeman

Sacristan: Lesa Brose

Contributions

08/02/2026

Projects and maintenance.....	263.00
Plate.....	176.00
Support.....	815.00

Total \$1254.00

St Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish Mission Statement

- Study our **FAITH**
- Practice our **FAITH**
- Support our parish and community in **FAITH**
- Evangelize our **FAITH**

Bulletin additions or corrections: Contact Crystal Clark 785-806-0262 (text or call) email calebcystal@hotmail.com

KofC August Family of the Month
Donny and Dana Smith

CCD Teachers are needed for K-1st grade (about 6 students) and 3rd-5th grade (6 students) for the upcoming school year. This age group meets after school until 5 pm on Wednesdays.

Please let JoLina (785-224-3726) know if you're interested in sharing your talent and time.

Required Parent meeting: Sunday August 23rd, church basement following Mass. If your CCD Student is entering 6-7th grade, please plan to attend to discuss Confirmation guidelines. Thanks!

See JoLina for questions 785-224-3726

Traveling? Going to out of town sporting events? Don't forget to go to Mass!

Visit www.masstimes.org to find Masses wherever you may go.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, August 16th – 6 PM Back to School Ice Cream Social at Township Hall
- Tuesday, August 25th – 7 PM Parish Council
- Sunday, Sept. 6th – Knights of Columbus meeting
- Saturday, Sept. 19th – Give Back to Valley Day
- KofC Cookout for Scholarships
- Grasshopper Falls Days
- Monday, Oct. 5th – 6 PM Senior Citizens supper and Bingo
- Friday, Oct. 9th to Sunday, Oct. 11th – Tootsie Roll Drive weekend
- Sunday, Dec. 6th – Parish Picnic, Basket Auction, St. Nicholas visit
- 100th anniversary of construction of our Church
- Tuesday, Dec. 8th – Immaculate Conception Holy day

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND

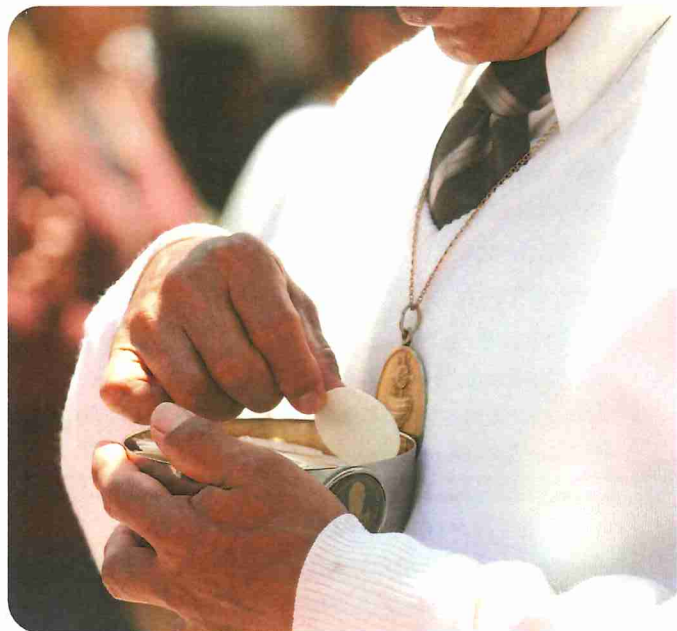
RAFFLE tickets are on sale through the Knights of Columbus. The drawing will have twenty-five prizes: one \$30,000; one \$10,000; six \$5,000; nine \$2,000; and eight prizes of \$1,000 each. Tickets are \$100 each or can be purchased in increments of \$20. Tickets can be purchased by October 4th from Tom Welsh or Donny Smith.

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



ANDREY POPOV / SHUTTERSTOCK

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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28